

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) Apparatus for assembling a device for the presentation of individual bouquets of flowers, comprising:

a base element;

a sheet placed under the base element and converging towards the center top of the device and held by an fastener for holding the sheet around the bouquet;

several movable pivoting draping fingers associated with a tightening cord for guiding the sheet around the base element;

a movable support base that follows a vertical axis in order to support the device;

a means for guiding of predetermined shape connected to the support base for guiding all the draping fingers, and

a means for activating that shifts the support base and the guide means along the vertical axis and makes the draping fingers pivot as they are guided by the guide means so that they tighten a tightening cord around the draped sheet.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the device further comprises:

a table equipped with an orifice for passage of the sheet and the base element and priming the fold through the orifice in the table.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

a source of water in combination with a pressure regulator and a solenoid valve controlled by an interval timer in order to fill the device with a predefined volume of water.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

a mixer for preserving product.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the guide means is of a generally conical shape such that the draping fingers guided by the guide means during the simultaneous shifting of the support base and the guide means allow shaping of the generally conical device.

16. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for activating comprises a manual activation lever connected to the support base in order to the support base along the vertical axis.

17. (New) A method of manufacturing a device for the presentation of individual bouquets of flowers, the device having a base element, and a sheet placed under the base element, which converges towards the center top of the device and held by a fastener for holding the sheet around the bouquet, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the sheet and the base element onto a support base to support the device;

moving the support base downwardly along a vertical axis and a guide means of predetermined shape connected to the support base in order to proceed with folding the sheet;

guiding multiple movable pivoting draping fingers associated with a tightening cord for draping the sheet around the base element so as to tighten the tightening cord around the draped sheet; and

holding the sheet around the bouquet by the fastener.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the fold in the sheet is primed by passing the sheet and the base element through an orifice in a support table.

19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the lowering of the support base and of the guide means is simultaneous with the pivoting of the draping fingers by shifting a means for activating connected to the support base.

20. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein attaching of the draped sheet is done in concurrent operation time as the device is being filled with water.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the base element includes a raised ridge all around its circumference.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the sheet is watertight.

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the fastener comprises a ribbon.

24. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the base element includes a raised ridge all around its circumference.

25. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the sheet is watertight.

26. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the fastener comprises a ribbon.